

MOTHERS WANT CROSSING GUARD



Mothers of children going to the Carson street elementary school are anywhere from disturbed to concerned to furious about a dangerous highway crossing which 164 children have to use daily.

A large group of protesting mothers and the children who cross at the Main st. and 214th st. crossing led a protest march cross the highway Monday morning. This is just the beginning of a more organized effort to improve safety conditions throughout the fast growing Torrance area.

The reason that there is no guard at this corner, it was stated, is that there is a signal a block away, and an ordinance supposedly declares that no guard is needed under those circumstances.

Dangers

Though there is a signal at Carson st. and Main st., the mothers said that they would rather have their children cross at 214th st. because the other intersection has proved to be even more dangerous. Many of the young children have difficulty reading the signals. Aside from that, there are drive-ways on either side of the street and

the children must walk a full block on the shoulder of Main st., it was declared.

Previous Complaints

The present action was undertaken because previous complaints by mothers as well as local residents living in different areas have been of no avail.

Mrs. R. J. McMahon, one of the mothers who has seen the urgent need for a crossing guard, contacted every one of the 164 mothers, and was assured of their concern and agreement in this matter. She has been assisted in her work by Mrs. Don Morris, Mrs. Ella Mae Wittenberg, Mrs. Gabriel Riccardi, and Mrs. Jack Spence.

Groups Contacted

Mrs. Alex Wynsoki, president of the Keystone-Avalon junior chamber of commerce, contacted the Coordinating Council while Mrs. McMahon contacted the Chamber of Commerce. Both groups declared themselves prepared to cooperate.

Mrs. Wynsoki presented a formal letter from the citizen's group and from Mrs. M. Q. Wallace, Carson st. school principal to the Chamber asking for action on this issue.

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ACTION PLANNED ON RECREATION ISSUE

Council Plans To Meet Board

Plans are being made for a joint meeting of the city council and the board of education to discuss the school's recreational facilities and the city's using of these facilities. The move comes in response to a motion made by Councilman Victor Benstead at Tuesday night's city council meeting.

This follows in the wake of an ineffective meeting held on the recreational issue by the Torrance educational advisory committee.

In the light of this unsuccessful attempt to cope with the recreational problem, it has also been revealed that the Citizens' committee for better recreation will have an agenda meeting soon for carrying the problem to the people via the ballot.

It was evident that little help if any would be forthcoming from those groups with whom the maintenance of a good recreational program would ultimately rest, according to remarks made at Monday's meeting of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee.

Board of Education

Mrs. Grace Wright, expressing the attitude of the Board of Education, declared that the Board would be unwilling to assume the additional burden of assisting in a year-around city-school recreational program. The Board's primary purpose is that of administering

the education of the children, Mrs. Wright declared. The Board would not have the time to work on a recreational program since that requires more planning and work than the Board could assume.

City Council

Councilman Willys Blount and Mayor Schwab were called upon to voice the attitudes of the Council. The Mayor let the matter stand by saying that an expanded recreation program would require additional money which is not available. He passed the matter off by declaring that when people talk about something they will do something about it, but he did not elucidate what the people could do or why their representatives should not take action when the people feel the need for such action.

Councilman Blount, while accusing Judge John Shidler, president of the Board of Education, of evasive tactics in coping with the recreational issue, accepted Shidler's figures that the Board is spending

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LOCAL NAVY DEPOT HOLDS OPEN HOUSE

For the first time since its establishment, the U. S. Naval Supply Depot, Torrance Storage Area will be open to the general public. The open house will be held as part of the Armed Forces Day activities observed throughout the country, Saturday, May 16. The Torrance storage area, which is located at the corners of Plaza Del Amo and Arlington, will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., it was reported.

The depot, which is under the command of Captain A. R. Kline, has made plans to welcome visitors on this particular day. There will be an "elephant train" to take children and adults around the 92 acre tract. Buses will be provided for those who prefer such transportation, it was stated.

Among the many points of interest which will be shown the public is a demonstration of how reconditioned steel drums are stacked high and deep in the huge storage buildings. These 55-gallon reconditioned steel drums are shipped into Torrance storage area from the far flung corners

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Fatherree Cited for Heroism in Korea

George M. Fatherree of 1830 Torrance blvd. was awarded the Bronze star medal with the letter "V" device for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, by direction of the President of the United States, it was announced.

Fatherree, who was awarded the medal last Saturday at Ft. Arthur, received the citation for his heroic action near Sokkoga, Korea. The soldier, a medical corps man, continued to minister to the wounded for four hours while evacuation proceedings were going on. Although the enemy stormed the Allied perimeter and engaged the friendly troops in hand-to-hand combat, Corporal Fatherree did not falter in his mission. Despite exhaustion, he refused to slacken his efforts or seek cover until ordered by the battalion surgeon to accept relief, it was disclosed.

Fatherree received shrapnel wounds at this time. He was discharged in November, 1952, having received a promotion to sergeant as a consequence of his heroism.

The 22 year old soldier served ten months in Korea and 9 months in Japan, it was revealed.

Fatherree is now employed at the Douglas plant and lives with his mother, Mrs. Margaret Fatherree, at the above address.

He is a member of the Disabled American Veterans which is under the command of James G. Caldwell, seventh district.

Syndicate Looking at Property

An Eastern and Mid-Western syndicate is reportedly looking at large pieces of industrial property in Torrance. The syndicate intends to use this industrial tract possibly for building purposes to suit the lessor, according to Dale Isenberg, executive secretary of the Chamber of commerce.

This large-scale enterprise would be one of several which have been undertaken in this area within recent weeks.

Delay Action On Rezoning

It was decided by the city council at Tuesday night's meeting that the reclassification of the area which has been considered for a possible new civic center be referred to the next agenda meeting.

The ordinance in question is number 638, Planning commission case 248.

The proposed reclassification would change the land to a light agricultural zone (A-1).

Store Repeats Coupon Sale

Such was the fine response to last week's Cal-Fame orange juice coupon appearing in the Torrance Press that De Simone market has decided to run another coupon this week.

The giant-size package of Tide is being offered for 55 cents with the coupon, which constitutes a 16 cent saving from the regular price of 71 cents, it was announced.

The sale will start today through and including next Wednesday, at the De Simone store conveniently located at 701 Pacific Coast Highway. The coupon and other bargain purchases may be found on pages four and five.

Fate Cruel To Woman

"It was such a little one . . . I just can't get over it . . . I wish I had had more, at least . . ." were Mrs. A. R. Rogers' utterances in a fragmentary sort of way.

Sounds like a terribly tragic matter, but the woman lost neither her doggie in the window nor anything else of major or minor consequence.

Actually Mrs. Rogers couldn't get over the fact that it only took such a tiny ad to sell her four brand new tires and tubes. She bitterly lamented the fact that she did not have more of them to sell since she got exactly the price she wanted and oh so many calls. Her ad? Only this:

4 TIRES & TUBES, 600 by 16, never been mounted. See and make offer. Menlo 4-4249 after 6 p.m.

Of course she placed these magic words in the equally magic Torrance Press Classified section.

S'39 Grads Will Meet

A reunion is being planned for the members of Torrance high school graduation class of Summer, '39. Members who have not been notified of this meeting, either by telephone or mail, can make reservations with Muriel Alverson Smith, 5557 Hanbury st., Long Beach 8, California, or phone Long Beach 5-3189. All reservations must be made by May 19, it was reported.



EFFICIENCY PLUS! . . . is the keynote of McMahan's office management in Torrance which displays this new teletype machine used for transmitting messages from the main office in San Diego to all stores in Southern Calif. Seated as operator is popular Jonell Krag, office manager, transmitting a message from Torrance to the district office in San Diego. O. R. Trueblood, Torrance Manager, directing.

LAST HEARING SET FOR ZONE CHANGE

At Tuesday night's meeting the city council decided to hold a third and final hearing on the 55-acre rezoning issue which has been a point of heated controversy in recent weeks. The date for the hearing has been set for May 26.

At last week's Planning Commission meeting, the recommendation to change the 55-acre parcel from heavy manufacturing to single family residential zoning was defeated by a 5-4 vote. The tract involved is located south of Sepulveda blvd., east of Hawthorne ave.

Zoning Expert

Earl A. Lloyd, zoning expert for the city of Torrance, has declared that "I have no personal recommendation in this matter pro or con, except that I don't feel that the future of Torrance will be jeopardized if the area is turned into a residential district."

He thought that the issue was really not momentous enough. In

regard to corridor zoning, he stated that "some area must always be a dividing line and then there is bound to be controversy."

Equal Division

Lloyd maintained that the Torrance area is pretty evenly divided into agricultural, residential, and industrial lands and that a constant attempt is made to hold that balance.

Pro

Those favoring the rezoning for residential purposes argued that workers employed in industries in this vicinity must commute long distances now. A residential area would provide homes for workers to live in and to become part of

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McMahan's In Forefront With Teletype

Something of the progressive attitude of McMahan's furniture store can be seen in the new teletype machine which was recently installed at the store which is located at Post and Sartori.

McMahan's is the first in town to have such a machine installed.

O. R. Trueblood, manager, stated that the machine will serve many purposes. It has a direct hook-up to the firm's district office as well as to all the other stores. It is used for clearing credit, transmitting bulletins to the field, and for merchandise transfers.

The store has constantly striven to keep up with the times and to adopt new and better methods of doing things as they were developed.



MRS. G. WINTERTON of 23217 Western ave. is the happy winner of an eight cubic foot Westinghouse refrigerator. She had a package of White King on hand when a company representative came to ring her doorbell, qualifying her for the prize. Nowlan L. Caps, White King representative, holds up a picture of the refrigerator, while Roy Boltz, manager of Sav-Mart at 28401 S. Western ave., where the soap was bought, smiles at his long-time customer.



HOLDING OUT THE WELCOME SIGN is pretty Bobbie Petkow, telephone operator at the U. S. Naval Supply Depot, Torrance Storage Area. The general public is invited to see the depot Saturday, May 16, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., as part of the Armed Forces Day activities. The depot is located at Plaza del Amo and Arlington.